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## GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS WHITAKER TO LOTTERY COMMISSION

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Pam Medlin Whitaker** of Greensboro to the North Carolina State Lottery Commission.

Whitaker is president of Key Resources. She is a member of the UNC at Greensboro Board of Visitors, the Greensboro College Board of Trustees, and the Preservation Greensboro Executive Board. Whitaker received the Greensboro Small Business Person of the Year in 2000, the Women in Business Award for Triad North Carolina in 2000, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Blue Chip Award in 2001. She attended Southern Guilford High School and UNC at Greensboro.

The commission specifies the types of lottery games and gaming technology to be used; prescribes the nature of advertising; specifies the number and value of prizes for winning tickets or shares in lottery games; specifies the rules of the lottery games and the method of determining winners; specifies retail sales price for tickets or shares; establishes a system to claim prizes; conducts background investigations of applicants for the position of director; charges a fee of lottery vendors not to exceed the cost of the criminal record check of the lottery vendor; specifies the manner of distribution, dissemination, or sale of lottery tickets or shares to lottery game retailers or directly to the public. The commission also determines the incentives, if any, for any lottery employees, lottery vendors, lottery contractors, or electronic computer terminal operators and to specify the authority, compensation and role of the Director and to specify the authority, selection, and role of the other employees of the commission. The commission approves and authorizes the director to enter into agreements with other states to operate and promote multistate lotteries and any other powers necessary for the commission to carry out its responsibilities. The commission has nine members, each serving a five-year term. The governor appoints five members. The Senate President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House each appoint two members.

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